**Child Protection Policy St James (Hope) Church Salford**

The following statement was agreed by the PCC at its meeting on 27th March 2017.

1. As members of the Church, we commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection and safekeeping of all, especially children and young people.
2. It is the responsibility of each one of us to prevent the physical, sexual and emotional abuse of children and young people and to report any abuse discovered or suspected.
3. We recognise that our work with children and young people is the responsibility of the whole Church.
4. The Church is committed to supporting, resourcing and training those who work with children and young people and to providing supervision.
5. The Church is committed to following the policy and procedures published by the Diocese of Manchester.
6. Each worker with children and young people must endeavour to undertake diocesan Safeguarding training, know the guidelines and undertake to observe them.
7. As part of our commitment to children and young people the PCC has appointed a Parish Child Protection Officer (PCPO) who is currently Mrs. Sylvia McGreal.

The statement was considered by the PCC and the following noted:

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1. Jess Blake became a new worker with the children (Little Gems) within the Church. She went through the appropriate DBS clearance requirements.
2. The PCPO has checked that the children’s organisations which are not Church groups continue to have satisfactory Child Protection policies and DBS clearance.
3. The Guides and Brownies work under their Association’s policy and the Dancing School has its own policy. These are both in accord with the Church’s policy.

Diocesan recommendations regarding child protection have been installed.